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curvature of 10 to 60 times its diameter, a tensile strength TS (N/mm^2) of the steel wire satisfies following formula,

$$TS \geq 2250 - 1450 \log D$$

wherein D is the diameter of the steel wire in mm and \log means common logarithm,

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and that repeated torsion value RT (turns/100D) of the steel wire, which is defined as sum of forward twisting and reverse twisting given until a crack is formed on a steel wire in a test wherein a steel wire is subjected to a repetition of forward twisting equivalent to 3 turns per 100D and reverse twisting to the original state with the axis of the steel wire kept straight, satisfies following formula;

$$\log RT \geq 2 - 0.001 \{ TS - (2250 - 1450 \log D) \}.$$

2. (Amended) A steel wire according to claim 1, having tensile strength TS (N/mm^2) satisfying following formula,

$$TS \geq 2750 - 1450 \log D.$$

5. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a steel wire having a diameter ranging from 0.10mm to 0.40mm obtained by subjecting a high-carbon steel wire material having a carbon content ranging from 0.70% to 0.90% in weight to heat treatment and wire drawing, characterized in;

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that tensile strength TS (N/mm^2) of the steel wire satisfies following formula,

$$TS \geq 2250 - 1450 \log D$$

wherein D is the diameter of the steel wire in mm and log means common logarithm,

and that repeated torsion value RT (turns/100D) of the steel wire, which is defined as sum of forward twisting and reverse twisting given until a crack is formed on a steel wire in a test wherein a steel wire is subjected to a repetition of forward twisting equivalent to 3 turns per 100D and reverse twisting to the original state with the axis of the steel wire kept straight, satisfies following formula,

$$\log RT \geq 2 - 0.001 \{TS - (2250 - 1450 \log D)\}$$

which comprises a step of drawing a high-carbon steel wire material after heat treatment, characterized in that the step of drawing is carried out according to following conditions;

- ① reduction per die is set from $(22.67 \epsilon + 3)\%$ to 29% for dies at which ϵ is less than 0.75,
- ② reduction per die is set from 20% to 29% for dies at which ϵ is not less than 0.75 and not more than 2.25,
- ③ reduction per die is set from $(-5.56 \epsilon + 32.5)\%$ to $(-6.22 \epsilon + 43)\%$ for dies at which ϵ is more than 2.25 except for the final die,
- ④ reduction per die is set from 4% to $(-8.3 \epsilon + 40.6)\%$ for the final die, and

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⑤ ϵ at the final die is set from 3.0 to 4.3,

wherein ϵ is drawing strain expressed by a formula $\epsilon = 2\ln(d_0/d)$, d_0 is diameter of the steel wire material in mm before drawing, d is diameter of the steel wire in mm after passing through a die, and \ln means natural logarithm.

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